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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES TO ALLOW HOME
SCHOOLED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

1 WHEREAS, extracurricular activities, such as athletics,
2 music, and drama, play an important role in the development of
3 students; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State's public school system provides public
6 school students the opportunity to participate in numerous
7 before-school and after-school activities that enhance their
8 development as contributing members of society; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Board of Education does not have a policy
11 allowing home schooled students the opportunity to participate
12 in any extracurricular activity at public schools; and
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14 WHEREAS, under existing law, charter school students are
15 allowed to participate in athletic programs that are provided at
16 public schools; and
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18 WHEREAS, home schooled students require a well-balanced
19 education, similar to public school and charter school students,
20 and can benefit greatly from participating in extracurricular
21 activities; and
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23 WHEREAS, according to the Home School Legal Defense
24 Association, there are thirty-five states that allow home
25 schooled students to participate in extracurricular activities
26 of a public school; and
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28 WHEREAS, home schooled students should have equal
29 opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities offered
30 by public schools in order to enhance their development and
31 provide them with the same benefits that all public and charter
32 school students in the State enjoy; now, therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
35 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the Board



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1 of Education is urged to adopt rules to allow students who are
2 home schooled to participate in public school extracurricular
3 activities; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
7 Education and Superintendent of Education.
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